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MS. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Stonehill College writes this letter to express our concerns that a number-based contribution mechanism would have a significant detrimental impact on this institution and other colleges and universities. We have determined our per-month federal universal service obligation would increase from approximately \$100.00 per month to over \$4000.00 per month if a number-based approach were adopted, assuming that the per-number fee was \$1.00.

Stonehill College does not have resources to cover this significant increase. If approved, the FCC's action could require difficult decisions with respect to institutional programs including delays in efforts to upgrade and modernize telecommunication facilities on campus.

In regards to future FCC or state laws governing MLTS and passing their ANI/ALI on to the local PSAP for identification on 911 calls, this could have detrimental effects. DID's are necessary to pass on the number to the PSAP. If colleges and universities are forced to remove their DID numbers because of the change in funding mechanism, they would not be able to comply with the 911 law.

Stonehill College suggests no reform proposals be adopted by the Commission until the full impact of those proposals are studied and understood.

Respectfully,

Ginny Murphy
Director of Telecommunications

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